

## Nunes votes to strengthen education

Rep. Devin Nunes voted in favor of the Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act — a congressional plan to place highly qualified math, science, and special education teachers in the schools where they are needed most.

The House passed the bill by a vote of 362-54.

Mr. Nunes, a former College of the Sequoias board trustee, was a co-sponsor of the bill. The legislation works with the No Child Left Behind Act to make certain the goal of having a qualified teacher in every classroom is met.

“The teacher shortages that schools are facing in the areas of math, science, and special education are real, and they are staggering,” Mr. Nunes said. “Many students are not receiving a proper, well-rounded education because there simply are not enough teach-

ers. When students receive anything less than a full education, that’s a crisis and it’s time Congress acted.”

Five years ago, Congress created a teacher loan forgiveness program for qualified teachers who commit to teaching in a low-income school for five years. Under this program, a qualified teacher may receive loan forgiveness of up to \$5,000 after the fifth complete school year of teaching.

“The House of Representatives is strengthening education for all students. By recruiting qualified teachers through added incentives, we will improve our schools and fulfill America’s promise for our children,” Mr. Nunes said.

The Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act does the following:

- Expands the current



teacher loan forgiveness program to address critical shortage areas in math, science and special education.

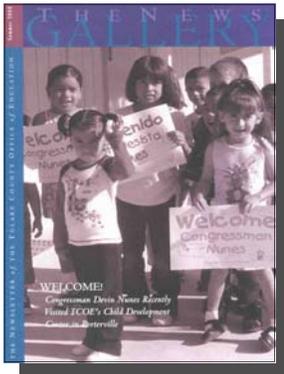
- Increases the total loan forgiveness up to \$17,500 for those teaching these high-need subjects.

- Improves the effectiveness of loan forgiveness as a recruitment and retention tool by recognizing that teachers often face financial hardship in the early years of teaching, and making loan-forgiveness available after the second complete year of teaching.

### Quick Facts

**Students at the Porterville Child Development Center in Porterville greet Rep. Devin Nunes with signs in English and Spanish.**

**His visit was featured in their newsletter this month.**



## Nunes says child tax credit checks are in the mail

The United States Treasury began mailing child tax credit checks to 25 million Americans, Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Visalia, announced.

“It’s gratifying to be able to give \$14 billion back to hard-working Americans who are trying to make ends meet,” said Mr. Nunes, an Assistant Majority Whip. “As children gear-up to head back to school, this much-needed tax relief will help American families buy school clothes and school supplies, among other necessities.”

In addition, stores such as Wal-Mart and Sam’s Club

have announced that they will cash these tax rebate checks at no additional charge.

The table below outlines how American families will begin receiving their child credit checks:

If the last two digits of your SSN are between 00-33, then the check was mailed July 25.

If the last two digits are between 34-66, then the check was mailed Aug. 1.

If the last two digits are between 67-99, then the check was mailed Aug. 8.

The Social Security number listed first on tax forms will be used to determine

when checks are sent. For example, if a husband’s name and Social Security number appear before his wife’s on tax forms sent to the IRS, then his identification number would be used to determine the mailing date.

“I will work to ensure that this increase in the child tax credit be made permanent,” Mr. Nunes said. “The folks in my district should be able to count on this important tax relief year after year.”

